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1. Delta Karens are now in complete command of the underground Kawthulay Government and Karen National Defense Organization.
2. Top Karen leaders are reluctant to sign an agreement with the Communists as part of the United Insurgent Command. These leaders are under Communist pressure and have no alternative.
3. Delta Karens now realize the folly of demanding two separate states, ports, and armies. They now realize the futility of BA U GYI's original demands.
4. Mahn BA ZAN is probably leading the Karen Communists and is in charge of Kawthulay political education. He has a training school near Maubin (95-39; 16-44) where 150 students are studying Communist propaganda.
5. Thakin SOE, Thakin THAN TUN, Bo PO KUN, and Hunter THAM WE are scheduled to meet at Thabaung (94-48; 17-02) during February 1952. They plan to sign a joint agreement to fight the Burma Government. In return for unconditional Karen support, the Communists are promising the Karens all of BA U GYI's demands.
6. The Communists expect to sign a joint agreement before the next harvest in order to deny the rice crop to the Government. Hence, the Communists will probably launch limited offensives to capture the crops. Both sides are weak. Defection from the Government is increasing.
7. Communist propaganda lines are as follows: Thakin NU will never sign an agreement with the Karens and, since the United States is helping the Burmese Government, the Karens must help the Communists and must fight to the last man.
8. Responsible and respected Karens include Saw BELLY, Saya BA THAN, Saya CHIT MAUNG, U ZAN, and Mrs. Marcus PAW.

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